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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged. The Northeast regional prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all weights. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm on the larger sizes and steady to fully steady on mediums. Demand into all outlets was light to good. Supplies were tight to barely adequate on the heavy weights and sufficient on mediums. Breaking stock supplies were adequate in close balance for the quiet to instances good demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient to available for a fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Producer prices were unchanged with the balance of prices higher. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly fully steady for all sizes. Cartoned and loose egg sales were light to moderate and better where featured and into vacation areas. Supplies were balanced to tight for the larger sizes and adequate for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light with demand somewhat quiet as breakers assess current needs and survey market conditions. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE		MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers		
				RANGE		MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63		57-60	LARGE	33-42	37
LARGE	53-62		55-58	MEDIUM	13-19	17
MEDIUM	31-40		33-36	SMALL	9-13	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on extra large and large, however mediums remained unchanged when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for generally normal schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate to readily available for the light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	33-46	38-40

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Extra large prices increased 12 cents, large prices up 13 cents and mediums 3 cents higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on the larger sizes and steady to fully steady on mediums. Retail demand moderate to good. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies of larger sizes barely adequate and mediums adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Light offers for quite demand as breakers assess current needs. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules fulltime. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
MEDIUM	35.5-44	37-40

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies ranged sufficient to tight for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for a moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient to readily available for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	49.25-71	65-68
LARGE	44.25-69	63-66
MEDIUM	35-42	35-39

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment entering the week was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good, usually light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to close balanced for present needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	68-72
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	45-49

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	37-45	38-40

**WESTERN** Prices 12 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 15% higher than last Monday with California up 16% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 15%. Retailer demand light. Offerings light to adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 12 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 16% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings light to adequate. Small benchmark price 56.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	128
EXTRA LARGE	113
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	76

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-329
LARGE	249-299
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-195

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

	RANGE
JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 04, 2006 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 28, 2006 were 345,219 cases which was 5 percent above the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	281,902	63,317	345,219
% change from the prior week.....	+2	+22	+5

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were light with demand somewhat quiet as breakers assess current needs and survey market conditions. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	27-29	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	16-18
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were lower on prices of spent heavy hens. Demand was light. Offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
31-JUL-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9 CENTS/LB.	5-6	5.47

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive for the mostly fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF  
31-JUL-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9 CENTS/LB.		5.87
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JULY 31, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.0	11.5	3.8	8.3	9.2	38.8
	Change	-0.9	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.0	34.9	9.2	20.2	41.4	126.7
	Change	-2.8	-10.9	0.4	3.2	4.1	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	50.7	118.0	63.8	77.4	105.5	415.4
	Change	5.9	-38.6	4.0	13.0	14.9	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.7	60.7	26.7	24.7	49.0	179.8
	Change	1.8	7.1	3.8	2.6	9.9	16%
Small	Curr Wk	6.5	6.0	1.6	7.7	6.0	27.8
	Change	1.5	-2.1	0.4	3.0	1.4	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.2	49.5	10.8	15.1	7.0	84.6
	Change	-0.3	16.8	-0.1	0.6	1.0	27%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.3	51.7	10.1	27.3	28.0	131.4
	Change	0.4	-1.6	-4.5	-1.3	1.7	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	119.4	332.3	126.0	180.7	246.1	1004.5
Percent	Change	5%	-8%	3%	13%	15%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1004.5	3%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	243.9	-4%	35
Total Shell Egg	1248.4	2%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 17, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 28, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 17.00**FUTURE LOADS** 4.50**TOTAL LOADS** 21.50

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	38.00	39.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	68.69
GNR BR 1	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	—	58.67
GL W XL	—	—	56.00	59.25	53.40	—	7.25	GL W MD	26.00	—	34.62
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	46.33	—	5.00				3.25
GL W MD	—	—	36.75	38.50	24.80	24.50	3.25				
GL W SM	—	—	24.00	26.50	—	—	1.00				

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/24/06-07/28/06**CURRENT LOADS** 113.50**FUTURE LOADS** 93.50**TOTAL LOADS** 207.00

SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	35.63	39.40	47.63	—	33.00	GNR W 1	—	53.07	18.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	22.25	23.75	2.00	GNR BR 1	33.50	37.00	.75
GNR BR 1	—	39.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	GNR BR 2	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	33.00	—	1.00	GL W J	74.00	78.00	1.50
GL W J	—	—	59.00	61.00	72.00	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	68.47
GL W XL	—	60.00	53.50	57.65	54.90	—	38.00	GL W LG	—	58.88	51.00
GL W LG	—	58.00	43.25	47.43	51.28	51.44	65.00	GL W MD	26.80	31.25	35.46
GL W MD	31.00	26.00	33.50	35.33	24.15	24.94	14.00	GL BR J	—	—	.25
GL W SM	24.25	27.33	24.00	26.50	—	—	10.00	GL BR XL	—	—	.75
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	.25	GL BR LG	—	—	1.50
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	.75	NRBS - 48	31.33	48.00	7.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	46.40	—	1.50				
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.00	29.08	26.00				
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	29.00	30.00				
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00				

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.  
 THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER.  
 NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/24/06	07/17/06	07/25/05
PACIFIC COAST	73	70	277
LOS ANGELES	70	67	272

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is higher on extra large, large and medium. Steady on small. Supplies are tight on larger sizes and available on medium and small to meet a good retail demand.  
 PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A,  
 WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	83.86
LARGE	79.86
MEDIUM	52.86
SMALL	45.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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## Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 7/23/2006 - 7/29/2006

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,733	1,733
Arkansas	0	0	610	610
Colorado	0	0	3,182	3,182
Illinois	450	225	799	1,474
Indiana	0	0	1,245	1,245
Iowa	5,050	5,839	39,024	49,913
Maine	0	0	2,120	2,120
Michigan	120	780	7,170	8,070
Minnesota	8,250	960	8,655	17,865
Missouri	0	0	7,770	7,770
Nevada	0	0	1,560	1,560
North Carolina	3,352	2,290	3,055	8,697
Ohio	0	0	5,743	5,743
Oregon	2,832	450	0	3,282
Texas	0	168	2,381	2,549
Utah	448	2,220	7,133	9,801
Virginia	0	780	0	780
Washington	4,229	1,089	825	6,143
Wisconsin	0	0	780	780
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24,731</b>	<b>14,801</b>	<b>93,785</b>	<b>133,317</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	<b>24,731</b>	<b>14,801</b>	<b>93,785</b>	<b>133,317</b>